Today, being an autodidact is a must.

Throughout the ages there have been many successful people who have been autodidacts. Some of the world's most famous autodidacts include the following:

Leonardo da Vinci
Benjamin Franklin
Abraham Lincoln
Granville Woods
George Eastman
James B. Eads
Ansel Adams
Kato Lomb
Booker T. Washington
Harry S. Truman
Thomas A. Edison
Walt Disney
Frida Kahlo
Bill Gates

Being an autodidact is both easier and more important than ever. In fact, there are those who claim that we live in the golden age of self-directed learning, or the golden age of the autodidact. After all, the internet is packed with self-learning resources. These include online courses from the world's top universities, online academies, blogs devoted to teaching practically any subject you can think of, online book collections, and documentaries.

Anyone can be constantly learning new things through "self-directed" study. Personally, I proudly consider myself to be an autodidact. And if you want to succeed in the Knowledge Age, and live life to the fullest, you also need to hop on the "self-directed" learning wagon.

That is the first step - YOU must WANT to LEARN, and IMPROVE yourself. No matter how much higher education you have - and or - Collected the "Expensive Wallpaper" (degrees) - You can learn MORE than what was shown in college. After all, all college did was to show you how to study. Best thing about being "Self-Directed" is that there are No Tests, No Grades to get in the way of your learning process. You learn at Yourown pace, and learn by applying what you learn, as you learn.

To help you get started, is a list of what to do, and is listed below, .

The Autodidact Manifesto:

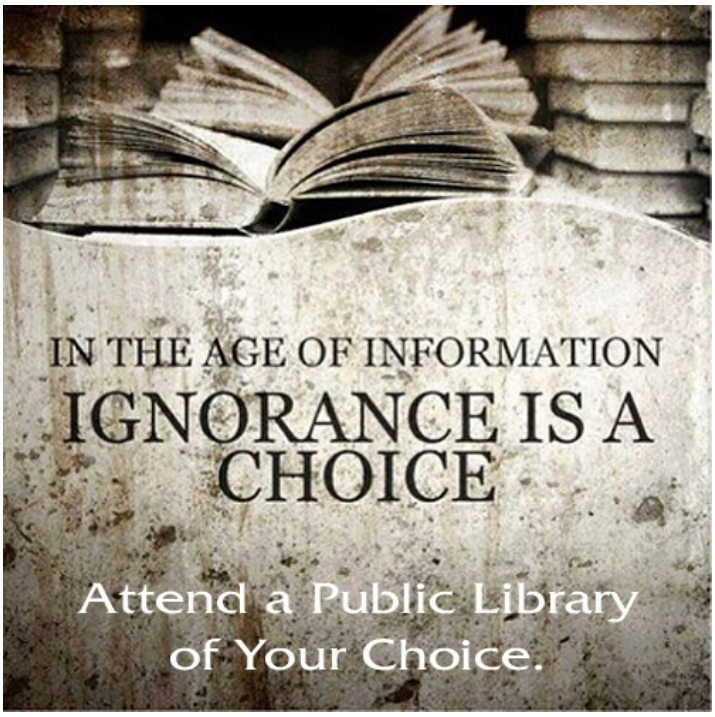
1. I'm passionate about being a lifelong learner.
2. I'm insatiably curious.
3. I believe that knowledge is power.
4. I know that if I'm truly invested in learning something, there's no need to go back to school to learn it.
5. I believe I can teach myself any subject if I have a serious interest in it.
6. I'm 100% responsible for my learning – I take full ownership of the process of improving myself.
7. Being an autodidact gives me the freedom to learn what I want, when I want.
8. I can be my own coach, mentor, and teacher.
9. If there's something that I want to learn, I can figure out how to learn it. I know I can learn anything I set my mind to.
10. I make the time to learn. I include learning in my schedule.
11. I overcome inner obstacles to learning such as procrastination, fear, and perfectionism.
12. I ignore the naysayers who say that you can't teach yourself.
13. My diploma is the project that I complete with my newly-acquired knowledge.
14. I constantly push myself to step out of my comfort zone. Instead of constantly doing what I already know how to do, I stretch myself in order to learn more.
15. I'm self-directed and I work well on my own – I don't need someone looking over my shoulder telling me what to do.
16. I'm good at goal setting and set S.M.A.R.T. learning goals.
17. I'm good at plan creation, implementation, and iteration. When I want to learn something new I create a plan for learning it and I follow through with my plan.
18. I know that all of the information that I need is at my fingertips.
19. I have the discipline necessary to accomplish my learning goals.
20. I have the necessary grit to persist until I achieve my learning objectives.
21. I'm self-motivated — I can keep my motivation and enthusiasm for learning high.
22. I see obstacles to my learning as challenges to be overcome, not as stopping points.
23. I'm willing to put in the necessary time and effort to learn what I want.
24. I'm committed to self-learning.
25. I learn something new every day, even it's just a new vocabulary word.
26. I move quickly from learning to doing.
27. I'm invested in learning how to learn.
28. I know that making mistakes is simply part of the learning process.
29. I can deal with the frustration and confusion that are integral components of learning.
30. I'm willing to be a beginner.
31. If one learning strategy doesn't work, I look for a different strategy.
32. As I learn I make careful self-assessments and adjustments.
33. Those who have the most success with learning are those who try the hardest.
34. I learn actively, not passively.
35. I share what I learn with others.

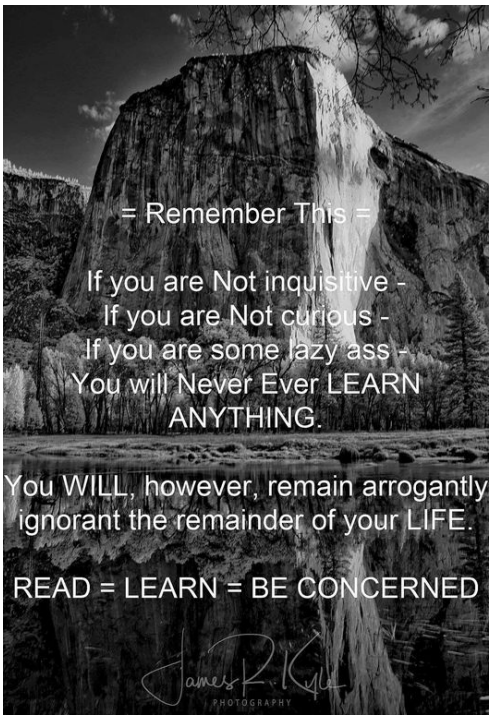
- Conclusion -

You can achieve anything you want by acquiring the necessary skills. And if you don’t have the necessary skills, you can acquire them through self-learning.

Live your best life by becoming an autodidact.

(James R. Kyle)

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If you are Not inquisitive -
If you are Not curious -
If you are some lazy ass -,
You will Never Ever LEARN ANYTHING.
You WILL, however, remain arrogantly ignorant the remainder of your LIFE.
READ = LEARN = BE CONCERNED